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Charges Filed for New Year's Eve Burning of Pasadena House

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced the filing of charges today against two men who allegedly torched a Pasadena home on New Year's Eve.

Deputy District Attorney Sean Carney of the Target Crimes Division said Steven James Rymer, 28 (dob 12/03/1985), and Hosea Daniel Dileoreto, 18 (dob 08/16/1995), both face one felony count each of arson of an inhabited structure or property, use of destructive device and explosive to injure/destroy, and burglary. They're scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon in Department D at the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pasadena Branch, in case GA092075.

Carney said that on Dec. 31, 2013, both men destroyed a home in the 800 block of North Oakland Avenue in Pasadena, only a mile away from the route of the Rose Parade which took place the following day.

Rymer and Dileoreto allegedly used a pipe bomb in the burning of the house, the prosecutor added. Deputy District Attorney Carney said that the owner of the house had died eight months earlier but the property was being inhabited by squatters.

If convicted as charged, the defendants face up to eight years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Pasadena Police Department. The prosecutor will ask that Rymer and Dileoreto's bail be set at \$750,000.

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